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G-W Commencement

First Class Awarded Bachelor's Degrees

MR. AND MRS. J. W. ABERNETHY
. . . first to receive four-year diplomas

Wearing their alma mater's classic black and red, 242 seniors marched in a "Pomp and Circumstance" processional May 16 into Gardner-Webb College's history.

Granted bachelor's degrees in Bost Physical Education Building commencement ceremonies, they became the college's first four-year graduates. Thirty-six other students were granted two-year associate in arts degrees.

Friends of the college, many of whom have shared the dream of the Decade of Advance ending this year, attended in unexpectedly large numbers. More than 3,500 found places inside the building, and another 400 or so stood close by outdoors, their presence underscoring the day's triumph, joy and fulfillment.

Seated side by side as the historic Class of 1971 graduates heard Dr. William C. Archie, executive director of the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation in Winston-Salem. The speaker told them of their need to face the reality of the world and use all their resources —physical, mental and spiritual—in making a way for themselves.

Earlier in the day, at annual baccaulareate services, graduates, their parents and friends had heard Dr. Nathan Brooks, Jr., director of the church programs division of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He urged graduates to be a leavening agent in a world beset by social conflicts. Professor Gilmer Blackburn, a 1960 G-W graduate, spoke at a breakfast for graduates and their parents.

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G-W Confers Honorary Doctorate

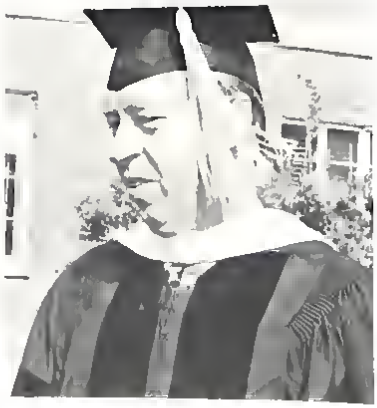
Gardner-Webb College conferred its first honorary doctor of humanities degree in commencement ceremonies May 16. Its recipient is Lloyd C. Bost of Shelby, president of Bost Bakery, Inc., and chairman of the college board of trustees.

Two other outstanding citizens, B. E. Morris of Charlotte and Earl Webb Spangler of Shelby, were presented citations for distinguished service to church and community. (See story, Page 2.)

Bost has been a member of the board of trustees since 1963, and has served as chairman for two terms. During his chairmanship, two capital fund drives were launched and successfully completed for a total of more than $5 million. He has joined with other members of his family in providing the Bost Physical Education Building and Pool on campus.

His distinctive service has extended to many other church, civic and community endeavors, including the local United Fund, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. As chairman of Cleveland Memorial Hospital's board of trustees in the mid-60's, he successfully led a campaign for a bond issue to enlarge and expand this institution.

A Shelby native, Bost received his B. S. degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was named to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He and his wife, the former Miss Virginia Reid Falls, have three sons and a daughter and live at 717 W. Warren St. in Shelby.



LLOYD C. BOST
. . . trustee chairman

DR. E. EUGENE POSTON, congratulates Morris, left photo, and Spangler as they receive special citizen citations.

Earl Spangler, B. E. Morris Cited By College

Earl Webb (Bud) Spangler of Shelby and Burrell Ellis Morris of Charlotte received special citizen citations during spring commencement exercises.

President of Spangler and Sons, Inc., a Shelby concrete firm, Spangler was recognized for outstanding religious, civic, educational and youth service, including his leadership efforts in establishing a Cleveland County Boys' Club.

A recipient of Shelby's "Citizen of the Year" award in 1969, he is a member of G-W's board of advisors and in 1967 was alumni association president. He and other members of his family made possible the construction of the Ernest W. Spangler Memorial Stadium on the campus. He and his wife, Evelyn, have three daughters and a son and live at 317 Tremont Place in Shelby.

Morris, an 81-year-old Baptist minister, was cited for his long years in the field of Christian education. Although "retired" in 1957 after serving 21 years as pastor of Durham's Gray Stone Baptist Church, he has served 19 churches as interim pastor since. Active in the service of the denomination for many decades, he is a former trustee of Wake Forest University.

Recognizing the need and the value of a college education for ministers, he recently established a $10,000 scholarship fund at Gardner-Webb, with proceeds to be awarded to worthy and needy ministerial students.

He and Mrs. Morris are the parents of four daughters. They live in Charlotte, where he presently is interim pastor of the Plaza Baptist Church. He also is active as an evangelist and Bible teacher.

Two Faculty Members Honored

Two Gardner-Webb faculty members were honored during commencement exercises as recipients of $750 awards given annually by Greensboro's First Baptist Church for distinguished classroom teaching. Flanking Thomas J. McGraw, G-W vice president of academic affairs, in the photo above are Clyde Cash, left, assistant professor of biology and chemistry, and Dr. Michael Harrelson, right, professor of biology. Recipients of the coveted awards are chosen by their fellow faculty members.

Graduation

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Sharing a special spotlight as Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, awarded degrees were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Abernethy of Newton. By virtue of the alphabet, they were first and second in the line of graduates and thus officially are G-W's first four-year graduates. Abernethy received a B. S. degree in business, and his wife, the former Miss Terry Carter, earned a B. S. in elementary education.

Special honors were conferred upon six students for outstanding academic records. The Huggins Citizenship Medal went to Jerry Ruper of Rutherfordton and the Curtis Citizenship Medal was awarded to Janet Whisnant of Asheboro. Other winners were Esther Hudgins Hendricks of Gastonia, senior scholastic achievement award; Jacquelyn Bridges McSwain of Shelby, junior scholastic achievement award; Armenag N. Abajian of Lebanon, sophomore scholastic achievement award, and Donna Kay Abrams of Boiling Springs, freshman scholastic achievement award.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

Longtime Dean

J. O. Terrell Retires After 26 Years

JAMES Orville Terrell, dean of instruction at Gardner-Webb College for 17 years, retired effective May 16. He closed out a total of 26 years on the faculty of the college.

Dean and Mrs. Terrell were honored by the faculty and staff at a testimonial dinner recently. They were given various gifts and faculty members, former students, and college administrators gave tributes to the veteran professor.

He is a native of Jackson County, North Carolina, and received his education at Western Carolina Teacher's College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1932. His master's degree was earned at Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn. He also did special study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

HE served for 21 years as a teacher and principal in the public schools of Jackson and Buncombe counties of North Carolina before coming to Gardner-Webb in 1945. He taught in Oakley High School in Biltmore and Woodfin High School in Asheville.

He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of Western Carolina University in 1957. He is a member of the National Education Association and served as president of the Southwestern group of Higher Education Division of the North Carolina Education Association in 1959.

DEAN J. O. TERRELL, right, and Mrs. Terrell are congratulated at a testimonial dinner in their honor by another college veteran, Registrar Dorothy H. Edwards, left.

HE was a charter member and instrumental in the organization of the Boiling Springs Methodist Church which met on the campus of Gardner-Webb several years before the church constructed its own building. He held many offices of leadership in the church.

Thomas J. McGraw, vice president of academic affairs at Gardner-Webb, cited Dean Terrell as a man "whose service is exemplified by his unique ability to counsel students in a most gracious and effective manner. Dedication has always been his whether in or out of the classroom. His positive Christian influence always permeates his conversation."

Dean and Mrs. Terrell are planning to take a trip to the Holy Land in the very near future.

Through

The Arch

To

History

Class Of '71

G-W Capital Fund Campaign Exceeds Goal

THIRTEEN months to the day after Gardner-Webb College kicked off its $1,500,000 capital gifts campaign, a total of $2,131,782.14 was announced at a campus victory dinner with more than 1,100 people in attendance.

April 13, 1970, before 450 of the college's officials and friends, a goal of $1.5 million was announced to build a new library, convert the present library into a classroom building, build a new men's dormitory and double the size of the present administration building.

Thursday night, May 13, 1971, with Gov. Robert Scott as principal speaker, the college's Bost Physical Education Building was jammed for the announcement of the total raised to this date.

National Chairman R. Patrick Spangler told the group that to the moment $2,131,782.14 had been given and added, "We are on our way to reaching the final phase of the three-phase program which is a goal of $3.5 million."

TRIUMPHANT EVENING—N. C. Gov. Bob Scott, second from right, was on hand to congratulate Gardner-Webb and its supporters upon their successful capital funds campaign. Honored for their magnificent assistance in sending the campaign over the top were R. Patrick Spangler, left, national chairman of the drive, and Lloyd C. Bost, chairman of G-W's board of trustees. They received special citations and plaques.

THE campaign will not be brought to a close until two other areas are canvassed. These include Forest City and Rutherfordton in Rutherford County, as well as Charlotte which is in the middle of its campaign. Charlotte reported a total of $554,750 already given. Preliminary plans are also underway to have a campaign in the Gaffney, S. C., area which is less than 20 miles from the school's campus.

Shelby, the city nearest the college, had a goal of $150,000, but final figures show that $724,940 has been contributed from that city. Boiling Springs, the site of the college, had a goal of $20,000 and $84,123 has been given from that town.

OTHER areas and their goals and gifts include: Kings Mountain, $30,000 goal with gifts of $42,077; Cherryville, $52,800 goal, gifts of $70,147; Belmont area, $200,000 goal, gifts of $201,250; Gastonia area, goal $260,000, gifts of $265,229 and Upper Cleveland, $20,000 goal, gifts of $40,897.

In his speech to the large crowd Gov. Scott had nothing but the highest praise for the college and for Spangler, who has led the college in two fund drives in the past six years which have raised more than $5 million.

"PAT Spangler has many irons in the fire, all bearing the brand of service and success," said Gov. Scott. "You picked a big man for a big job and he has been more than equal to the task. With a goal of $1.5 million the drive has realized more than $2 million."

"Prior to my arrival I read with interest the step by step story of Gardner-Webb's 'Decade of Advance'," continued the governor. "Even so, I was not fully prepared for the visible evidence of your progress, new and renovated buildings, a well-groomed campus, and a growing community of scholars."

During the night's activities both Spangler, and Lloyd C. Bost, chairman of the board of trustees, were honored with special citations and plaques for their contributions to the progress of the college.

More Special Gifts Announced

Three special gifts have been made recently to Gardner-Webb.

A $20,000 bequest has come from the estate of Joseph W. Geddes, the man who engineered the 1948 restoration of the White House and was influential in the Williamsburg restoration. The fund will be used to set up a pre-engineering scholarship. A Scotland native, Geddes settled down in Cleveland County upon his retirement. He had come to Shelby as chief engineer in construction of the massive PPG Industries, Inc. plant. Mrs. Geddes died in 1960 and her husband died June 24, 1970.

Everette G. Spurling of Fallston has given $12,000 to establish an endowed scholarship. A retired businessman and general office manager of Stamey Brothers Department Store, he is married to the former Miss Vera Lattimore, an alumnae of the old Boiling Springs High School. Spurling has been a longtime friend of the college and is very active in community activities.

H. Milton Loy has given the college a six-unit apartment house in Shelby as a future memorial to his parents, E. M. Loy of Jacksonville, N. C., and the late Mrs. Loy. The apartments will be administered under a trust fund, with the proceeds going to the donor's wife until her death and then reverting to the college. Funds will be used to construct a campus building in honor of the Loys.

WITH THE ALUMNI:

Frank Pendergrass '50 is superintendent of Currituck County Schools His wife is **Jean Carolyn Hames '49.**

The Rev. Eugene B. Elmore '51 has been appointed superintendent of the Junior Order Children's Home at Lexington He and his wife, the former Miss Geneva Wall, have two sons.

Dr. James Byers '51 has been a practicing chiropractor in Forest City for 17 years. Married and the father of four children, he was a candidate for the town council.

Milton Higdon '51 is a pharmacist at Smith's Drugs in Forest City and also was a recent town council candidate. He and his wife, Helen, have three daughters Higdon is active in Forest City's First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Donald Wilson '54 has served as associational missionary in Three Forks Baptist Association in the Boone area for the past four years He recently conducted a revival at North Morganton Baptist Church.

Robert D. Benson '57 has been named advertising director of the Virginia-Pilot and Ledger-Star newspapers in Norfolk, Va. He had been the retail advertising manager. He is a Rutherford County native.

Bill Beason '58 is plant manager of Conover Furniture Co in Conover, a division of Broyhill Industries A recent candidate for the office of Conover mayor, he is a graduate of N. C. State University, with a degree in furniture technology.

Ronald S. Noblett '60 has joined the staff of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of South Carolina as assistant vice president in the Spartanburg, S. C., installment loan department He previously was employed by American Credit Co.

Dennis Marshall Heath '64 was to receive the master of divinity degree in May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Sidney Blanton '65 is head of production planning at Dora Knitting Co. in Shelby. He recently was named chairman of his area's 1971 Cancer Crusade. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children.

Samuel Young '65 is pastor of Rehobeth Baptist Church in North Carolina's Currituck County and a history teacher on the junior high level in the area's public schools.

Sam Vance, Jr. '66 is general manager and accountant at Avery County Tire Recapping Co in Newland He was a recent candidate for the office of mayor there.

Walter Campbell '67 has been promoted from operating supervisor to operations and loan officer of the Elizabethtown Branch of the Bank of North Carolina.

Barry S. Pope '69 was recently graduated from recruit training at the Recruit Training Center at Orlando, Fla.

JOURNEYMAN—Sharon Garner '66 was approved recently by The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for journeyman training this summer The training leads to two years' overseas work with career missionaries Miss Garner, who was to have been graduated recently from Towson State College in Baltimore, has been assigned to teach school in Djakarta, Indonesia.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Moore Jr. **(Lena Ann Osborne '62)**, a son, Howard Milton Moore III, born Nov. 26, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Layton **(Jane Ann Hovis '66)**, a son, Robert Michael Layton, born April 21, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Poston (Jackie Phillips) '67**, a son, George Brent Poston, born Feb. 28, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs Franklin Derikart **(Ann Catherine McSwain '61)** of Florence, S. C., a son, Franklin P. Derikart, Jr., born Dec. 26, 1970.

Marriages

Karen Alice Kinney '64 of Kannapolis to Kenneth Howard Carraway of Kinston.

Eugene Branan Holtzclaw '67 of Beaufort, S. C., to Patricia June Newton of Beaufort.

Linda Lovelace '67 of Shelby to Ronald Washburn Wilson of Shelby.

Janet Lynn Spangler '69 of Grover to Michael Eugene Bridges of Shelby.

STANLEY E. GREEN

Book Published

Alumnus Stanley E. Green is the author of Kinnakeet Adventure, published recently by Vantage Press, Inc. of New York. Longtime friend of the college and a well-known Clevelander, Green wrote about his experiences as a new school principal in the Avon community on North Carolina's Outer Banks during hard Depression years. It's the saga of a unique breed of people molded by wild land and sea . . . and Green's moving reaction to them. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Green has recently retired as a Cleveland County school guidance counselor.

Calling New Alumni

A hearty welcome to Gardner-Webb's alumni association and its activities goes to all members of the recently graduated Class of 1971. We look forward to sharing your ideas and your enthusiasm and interest.

. . . Class Photos

Group photographs of the Class of 1971 in cap and gown can be ordered directly from the photographer, Carlisle Studios, Box 201, Shelby. Please enclose $2 50 for the black and white 8 x 10 picture.

McGraw Named G-W 'Alumnus Of Year'

FOR SERVICE—Thomas J McGraw, second from right, receives the coveted "Alumnus of the Year" award from Forrest Roberts, chairman of the board of trustees' tone and character committee. Looking on happily are Mrs McGraw and College President E. Eugene Poston, his longtime friend and co-worker.

Thomas J. McGraw '48, vice president of academic affairs at Gardner-Webb College, is "Alumnus of the Year."

The announcement, a surprise to McGraw, was a highlight of the annual alumni association banquet on campus May 1.

A Whitmire, S. C., native, McGraw attended Wake Forest University after leaving G-W in 1948, and received his bachelor's degree in 1950. He earned a master's degree in 1962 at Appalachian State University.

A Navy veteran and former teacher and coach in North Carolina, McGraw was Catawba County tax supervisor before joining G-W in 1962 as director of development. Becoming vice president in charge of fund raising and public relations in 1964, he helped direct a capital funds campaign a year later which raised more than $2,600,000 for the college. He assumed his present position in 1969, just in time to lead the college academically as it made the transition from junior to senior institution.

McGraw and his wife, the former Miss Betty Falls, have three daughters and live in Boiling Springs. He is an active member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and the local Rotary Club.

McGraw expressed deep appreciation for the award.

Making the event an even happier one were several members of the big McGraw family, who had gathered unknown to him for the presentation.

At Festive Banquet

Alumni Name Officers, Directors

JOHN Roberts of Greenville, S. C., was re-elected president of the Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association at its annual banquet May 1.

Billy G. McSwain of Gastonia was re-elected vice president, and Mrs Daphne Bridges of Boiling Springs was named secretary.

Roberts, a former teacher and staff member at G-W, is editor of The Baptist Courier, journal of the South Carolina State Baptist Convention. He recently was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by Baptist College of Charleston, S. C.

Alumni also officially welcomed members of the Class of 1971 and elected some new directors during the business portion of the banquet. Elected three-year directors were Dorothy Bridges Hamrick and David Webb of Shelby, Charles Mack of Boiling Springs, Charles Rabon and Troy Bridges of Spartanburg, S. C., Billy Cline of Asheville, Julius Pinkston of Charlotte and Adrian Littlejohn of Gastonia.

NEW directors at large are James Cain of Alexandria, Va., Paul Williams of Raleigh, Dr. A. V. Washburn of Nashville, Tenn., W. B. Harrill of Cullowhee, David Langford of Goldsboro, H. Glenn Pettyjohn of Clemmons, Dr. Horace Hammett of Columbia, Mary Sue Jarrett of Shelby, Janet Whisnant of Asheboro and Edward McGlimpsey of Lenoir.

The banquet climaxed a whole day's "Spring Jubilee" on the spring-flowering campus. Early alumni arrivals participated in annual Parents' Day and May Day festivities before the bnquet and were invited to attend a stadium rock combo concert afterward.

PRESIDENT Roberts had a special welcome for returning alumni, and introduced Jerry Walker, recently named G W's director of alumni activities.

Walker reported on the association's recent activities and introduced classes in special reunion.

Dr Eugene Poston gave the college president's report, asking that alumni lend their alma mater support and service in this crucial period of her history.

ALUMNI LEADERS—Together at the recent alumni banquet are John Roberts, left, re-elected president of the association, and Horace Hammett, a new director at large of the alumni group. Hammett, a Columbia, S. C., resident, and his wife wrote the college's alma mater.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Cox's Book To Be Published

DR. Betty S. Cox, chairman of Gardner-Webb English department, is the author of **Cruces of Beowulf,** book to be published soon by Mouton Publishers of the Hague and Paris. It is Volume 60 in the series **Studies in English Literature.** The book discusses the major controversial passages of the poem, which was written about 730 A. D. by an anonymous author.

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DR. Cox has been appointed as associate of the Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies for the summer session at the University of California in Los Angeles. The appointment provides unlimited accessibility to the university's large medieval-renaissance library collection.

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ENGLISH Professor James K. Taylor has received an appointment as a teaching graduate assistant at Indiana University, Indiana, Pa. The assistantship would be effective during leave from Gardner-Webb for the continuation of doctoral studies.

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DR. Robert R. Blackburn, director of G W's division of education and chairman of the health and physical education department, read a paper at the recent annual meeting of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He also was named to the policy-making council for the health-related activities of the association. His paper presented at the Detroit session was titled "The Construction and Standardization of a Health Knowledge Test for College Students."

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DR. Thomas J. Ballard, associate professor of religion, presented a paper titled "Job, The Purposeless Suffering Servant" at the March meeting of the Southern Section, Society of Biblical Literature, on the University of Tennessee campus.

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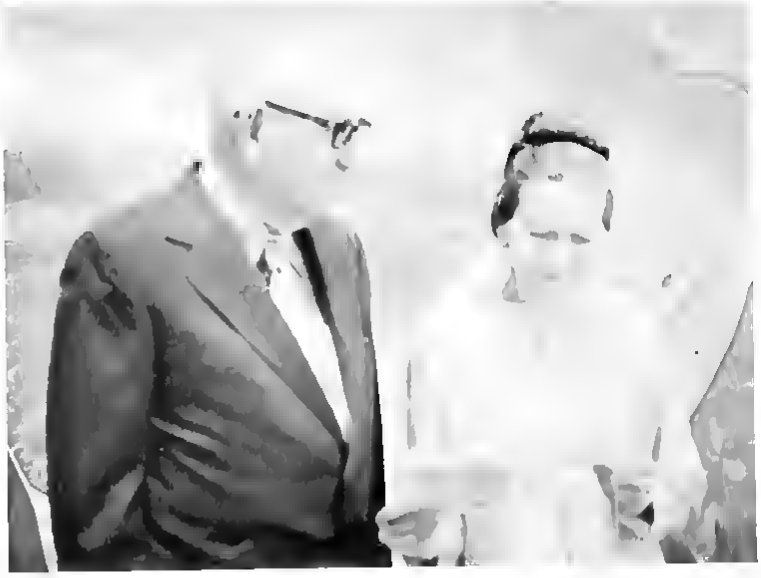
THOMAS J. McGraw, college vice president in charge of academic affairs, was recently elected vice president of the Gardner-Webb Nursing Advisory Board, and Mrs. Grace Lee, nursing faculty member, was named secretary. Current president of the group, which serves as a liason between the college nursing program and its cooperating hospitals, is Paul Ellison, administrator of Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Reminiscing . . .

SPECIAL REUNIONS are highlights of Gardner-Webb's annual alumni banquet each year. In the photo above are four members of the Class of 1917 who were graduated 54 years ago. Left to right, they are Charles G. Lang, J. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Wood and H. O. Champion.



THE CLASS OF 1922 is represented here by two members, Clifford E. Hamrick and Mrs. Norman B. Lee. Several other classes were in special reunion this spring and classmates found it fun to get together for talk about good times together on campus.

Baseball, Golf

Two G-W Teams Make District Finals

Gardner-Webb athletic teams in baseball and golf earned the right to play in NAIA District 26 tournaments. Coach Garland Allen's golf team won the district tourney and was to represent the college in the national tournament June 8-11 in Rockford, Ill.

The baseball team closed out the season with a 19-5 record and won the right to enter the District 26 Tournament in Greensboro. The winner of this tournament will travel to Phoenix, Arizona for the nationals. Others in the district tournament were High Point, Peiffer and North Carolina A. and T.

The golf teeam won 15 matches and lost only five and scored wins over such teams as Appalachian, Wofford, Erskine, UNC-Asheville, Lenoir Rhyne, Presbyterian and Lander.

The baseball team won over such teams as Winston-Salem State, Elon, High Point, California State, Catawba, Milligan, and Atlanta Baptist

Coach Jerry Bryson had one of the best hitting teams in the NAIA ranks. His team hit 58 home runs, an NAIA record. The team closed out the season with a .325 team batting average.

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MAY QUEEN — Pretty Jadine Sellers of Cherryville reigned over the May 1 "Spring Jubilee" on campus. The annual festival was viewed by many alumni arriving on campus early for their annual banquet.

Nanney, Weaver Cited At Banquet

Two men, C. P. Nanney and Bill Weaver, who have done much for the athletic program at Gardner-Webb, were honored at the annual All Sports Banquet. More than 500 jammed the cafeteria in the Charles I. Dover Student Center for the banquet to hear Carroll Dale, tight end for the Green Bay Packers, speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Nanney were both present for the meeting. Mr. Nanney was presented a plaque for his contribution to the college's athletic program. Recently the baseball field was named in honor of the couple. The college already has the Irene and C. P. Nanney Residence Hall

Bill Weaver, Shelby postman, was named the winner of the Bulldog of the Year Award. He has served in many capacities in the Bulldog Club and is a charter member of the organization. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bulldog Club and has served as general chairman for the past two years of the Gardner-Webb Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Cagers To Enter KM Tournament

Gardner-Webb's basketball team will participate in the Kings Mountain Invitational Tournament next Dec. 3-4, it has been announced. Other teams competing will be Elon, Barber Scotia and St. Augustine, all rivals for season honors.